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AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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E. O. 11652: GDS

BEIRUT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO ROBERT F. DIETZ,
DIETZ ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, ROSELET BUILDING,
RUE BLISS, BEIRUT:

1. RE YOUR JUNE 6 LETTER AND MY JUNE 12 REPLY, I SAW
ACTING FONMIN ASNAG JUNE 27 TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF
YOUR TELEVISION PROJECT. ASNAG HAD HEARD NOTHING ON
THIS FOR SOME TIME AND PROMISES
INQUIRE IN COMMUNICA-
TIONS MINISTRY. HOWEVER, FROM INFORMATION CURRENTLY IN
HAND, HE BELIEVED PROJECT MIGHT BE IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTY.
FIRST, YOUR PARTNER AMIN QASIM SULTAN HAS NOT HAD HIS HEART
IN FOLLOWING THROUGH ON YOUR BEHALF BECAUSE OF HIS CONFLICT OF
INTEREST AS SONY AGENT. SECOND, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES HAVE
BEEN HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING SENSIBLE WAYS TO
SPEND AID PLEDGED TO YEMEN. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER
RECENTLY PAID VISIT ABU DHABI AND RETURNED WITH PRO-
MISE THAT UAE WOULD TOTALLY FINANCE TELEVISION STATION,
COSTS OF OPERATION AND ALL TRAINING OVER FOUR YEAR
PERIOD AFTER WHICH STATION TO BE TURNED OVER TO YARG
AS GIFT.

2. IF ACTING FONMIN' S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND I
HAVE NO REASON DOUBT IT, I THINK YOU WILL HAVE TO MOVE
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FAST IF THIS IS TO BE SALVAGED. YOU MAY CONSIDER EARLY
VISIT HERE AND PERHAPS ABU DHABI AS WELL. SEEMS QUITE
POSSIBLE THAT UAE MAY NOT HAVE MOVED BEYOND PROMISE OF SUP-
PORT AND PERHAPS DIETZ ASSOCIATES/ RCA COULD GET IN ON
GROUND FLOOR OF ASSISTANCE PROMISED FROM THAT SOURCE.
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